

West Acton Village Redevelopment Project

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Town Hall - Faulkner Room (204)

The Town of Acton Planning Board will host a public informational meeting on a proposed redevelopment project in West Acton Village. The project proponent has provided the following statement for this public announcement:

Name of Project: West Acton Village Ecology (WAVE)

Location: Across from Gardner Field on Massachusetts Avenue

The West Acton Village Ecology (WAVE) is a sustainable historic adaptive re-use of the vacant properties proposed for the eastern entrance to West Acton Village. The planners, who in 1985 restored the old St. Elizabeth's Church and streetscape for their architectural studio, are committed to maintaining the beauty, spirit and small town feeling that first attracted them to the village 25 years ago. The project proposal aims to demonstrate compatibility between historic villages and environmentally-responsible design, expand Acton's cultural, educational and business offerings and restore a safer, more accessible pedestrian oriented village setting around the playground.

The project proponent is OMR Architects in West Acton. The project is proposed along Massachusetts Avenue in West Acton east of Spruce Street, where Town Meeting approved a petition zoning change to West Acton Village Zoning a few years ago. The attached drawing shows a view of the proposed project from Massachusetts Avenue: Spruce Street would be on the left edge of the drawing. OMR will be at the meeting to present and explain the project plans, to answer questions and to hear suggestions and comments. Although the Planning Board will host this informational meeting, it is not anticipated that the Planning Board will be involved in any subsequent zoning permit decisions or other necessary approvals about the project. The purpose of this meeting is to give this project public exposure before it enters the permitting process, which is likely to involve the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, and the Historic District Commission. All interested Acton residents are invited to attend.